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Federal Communication Commission
445 12th St., SW
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RE: Sprint – Nextel merger, docket no. 05-63

Dear Ms. Dortch:

KCPT would like to express its support for the proposed merger of Sprint and Nextel, and clarify the record with the Federal Communications Commission. On March 30, 2005, the Community Technology Centers' Network filed a petition to oppose this organization.

KCPT was never asked, nor did it give permission to list its name in CTCN's FCC filing. KCPT disagrees with the CTCN's position and believes that the proposed Sprint and Nextel merger would be in the public interest and provide considerable benefit.

KCPT has found Sprint to be a strong community partner with a commitment to improving education. As part of its service and developmental activities in the 2.5 GHz spectrum, Sprint leases spectrum from educational institutions. By combining Sprint's 2.5 GHz spectrum assets with those of Nextel, we believe the new company will have the ability to develop new applications for this spectrum that ultimately will lead to improvements in the effectiveness of educational portions of the band.

Such technology development requires large scale and significant technological and financial resources, which the merger will promote. Looking at where the companies' spectrum assets are currently located, we see minimal geographical overlap and believe the merger would leave plenty of opportunity for competitors to offer service.

The entire telecom landscape is changing, and we see this potential change as one with great promise. For that reason, we support the proposed merger of Sprint and Nextel.

Sincerely,

William T. Reed

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